

Job: Lessons from the Scene of Suffering

Class 5 - July 21

Overview Of Job (Class 1)

Structure and Summary of Job

Prologue - **Job 1-2**

Speeches by Job, Eliphaz, Bildad and Zophar - **Job 3-31**

Speeches by Elihu - **Job 32-37**

Speeches by God - **Job 38-42:6**

Epilogue - **Job 42:7-17**

The Special Purpose and Place of Job in the Bible (Classes 2-3):

Through Job God provides early gospel anticipations which help us remain faithful to Him in our suffering.

1. A satanic attack against God tests the faithfulness of His innocent servant.
2. An innocent servant faithfully endures undeserved suffering.
3. The cries of an innocent sufferer are not always answered by God.
4. God ordains mystery and misunderstanding within undeserved suffering.
5. God restores sinners through an innocent sufferer.
6. Great blessing awaits an innocent servant after undeserved suffering.
7. The undeserved suffering of an innocent servant is a theologically rich but costly scene.

Four Concerns in the scene of suffering - part 2 (Class 4-5):

1. Are you concerned about CHARACTER? (review)
2. Are you concerned to COMFORT the sufferer? (review)

3. Are you concerned to CONTROL yourself?

4. Are you concerned about your CONFIDENCE?

Recommended reading:

Suffering, by Paul Tripp.

A Book of Comfort for Those in Sickness, P.B. Power.

Torn to Heal: God's Good Purpose in Suffering, Mike Leake.

Comfort the Grieving: Ministering God's Grace in Times of Loss, Paul Tautges.

Help! - I Can't Handle All These Trials, Joel James.

God's Grace in Your Suffering, David Powlison.

Dark Clouds Deep Mercy: Discovering the Grace of Lament, Mark Vroegop.

Suffering and the Sovereignty of God, Piper and Taylor (2005 Desiring God Conference).